

I vehemently object to the airing of the biased hit piece masquerading as a news documentary about John Kerry that Sinclair Broadcasting is compelling its' stations to air nationwide days before the election. Furthermore, Sinclair refuses to follow up this broadcast by airing a program that provides balance, as required by the FCC.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and power. It's frightening and a sad commentary on our consumer protection laws that one company can wield so much power.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I would also strongly urge you to reconsider their licensing privileges in light of their total lack of responsibility and failure to abide by FCC regulations.

Thank you.